

MINUTES.

~~Alabama Baptist Historical Society~~
OF THE

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cahaba Valley Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Rock Springs Church, St. Clair County, Alabama,

Commencing September 13, 1890.

OFFICERS.

PAUL CASTLEBERRY, Moderator.....Easonville, Ala.
N. A. HOOD, Clerk.....Hood, "
I. R. W. LEWIS, Treasurer.....EDEN, "

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CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

W. P. Lovell, Chairman of Foreign Missions.
N. A. Hood, Chairman of Home Missions.
R. B. Devine, Chairman of State Missions.
J. A. Glenn, Chairman of Education.
J. S. E. Robinson, Chairman of Sabbath Schools.
H. C. McBrayer, Chairman of Temperance.
P. S. Montgomery, Chairman of Religion and Wants.
J. C. Harris, Chairman of Documents.

Place of holding next session, New Hope, Eden. Time, Saturday before
1st Sabbath in September, 1891, at 10 a. m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of letters and enrollment of delegates.
2. Preach the introductory sermon.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Receive correspondence.
6. Return correspondence.
7. Appoint committees to report during session.
8. Report of standing committees. (Special committees may report at
any time.)
9. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

The Cahaba Valley Baptist Association met in 23d Annual Session with Rock Springs church, Moody, Alabama, 10 a. m. Saturday, September 13, 1890, and was called to order by the Moderator, Elder R. W. Inzer. Prayer was offered by Elder J. S. E. Robinson. R. B. Devine, the clerk, not being present, N. A. Hood, was made temporary clerk.

Letters from the churches were read by J. A. Glenn, H. C. McBrayer and J. S. E. Robinson. At the conclusion of which the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Geo. W. Lovell from 1 Cor. 12:14. The Association then took a recess.

The following is a list of the churches represented and their delegates:

Ashville—Eld. J. A. Glenn, Eld. P. S. Montgomery, Eld. J. S. E. Robinson, John McDonald, J. R. Neely, A. A. Hodges.
Bethany—John Bolen, W. A. Stone.
Beulah—J. W. Jarrett, J. W. Perry, J. L. Faulkner.
Bethel—T. G. Taylor, J. W. Lawly, L. V. B. Hawkins.
Broken Arrow—J. M. Higginbotham, J. W. Moore.
Cedar Grove—E. E. Moody, N. A. Morrison, N. E. Elkins, J. W. Moody.
Cool Springs—Eld. R. B. Devine, J. W. Ramsey, W. O. Moore, W. H. Murry, W. R. Anderson, Albert Gilbreth.
Cook Springs—C. C. Cline, F. M. Polk, R. A. Caractor.
Eden, Jefferson County—W. H. Andrews, A. B. Roper.
Friendship, Shelby County—J. A. Wright, W. W. Williams, Jos. Howard.
Friendship, St. Clair County—Eld. R. H. Ramsey, J. M. Newton, J. T. Glidewell, J. B. Holmes, E. Patterson.
Gum Springs—Eld. A. P. Cobb, W. T. Davis, Orval Palmer, H. C. McBrayer, J. F. Franklin, J. E. Jester.
Greensport—Wm. Clements, T. J. Bryant.
Hopewell—Eld. N. A. Hood, J. O. Colley, J. A. Thompson.
Harmony—J. P. Abercromby, Upston Patman.
Hebron—L. C. Owen, W. C. McLaughlin, T. B. McDonald.
Mt. Pisgah—Eld. Paul Castleberry, Eld. C. J. Pike, E. F. Drumons, T. G. Watson, Perry Blakely.
Mt. Pleasant, St. Clair county—R. W. Cook, B. F. Alverson, J. J. Churchwell.
New Hope, Jefferson County—E. Glass, W. H. Hall.
New Hope, Eden—J. W. Lewis, J. M. Garrett, I. R. W. Lewis, C. D. Alverson, H. M. Cowan, N. A. Butterworth, C. C. Harless.
• New Lebanon—L. Simmons, W. M. Simmons, W. R. Whisenant.
Newport—J. B. Ingram, J. W. Gray.
New Prospect, St. Clair County—F. M. Milom, J. W. Windsor, Jos. Edge.
New Prospect, Shelby County—Represented by letter.
Providence—N. L. Davis, D. S. Black, T. J. Mewburn.
Pine Forest—S. B. Crow, H. N. Hess, J. J. Teague.
Pleasant Grove, Shelby County—W. I. Brashin, G. R. Fuller, Jos. Parker, E. F. Levell.
Pleasant Grove, St. Clair County—Joseph Youngblood, Luther Bird, Wm. Tomlin.

Rock Springs, Moody—J. M. Adkins, J. K. Alison, L. B. Griffin, W. C. Fulmer, S. M. White.
 Rock Springs, Ragland—Not represented.
 Refuge—Not represented.
 Reeves Grove—W. R. Edwards.
 Sulphur Springs—Eld. R. W. Inzer, J. H. Martin, J. T. Simms.
 Shiloh—Not represented.
 Union Springs—Eld. J. C. Harris, Eld. W. P. Lovell, T. D. Courson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and proceeded to the election of officers for the next Associational year, which resulted as follows:

Eld. Paul Castleberry, Moderator; N. A. Hood, Clerk, and I. R. W. Lewis, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for.

Broken Arrow church presented a letter through delegates, and was received.

H. C. McBrayer was appointed to preach at the stand in the grove.

The following were received as correspondents from other bodies:

Coosa River Association—S. K. Kirksey, J. J. Willingham, S. K. Thompson.

Canaan Association—Eld. A. J. Waldrop.

Shelby Association—J. W. Hubbard.

W. B. Crumpton was received as the representative of the State Mission Board and the Judson Female Institute.

Howard College was represented by Prof. R. J. Waldrop.

Eld. S. P. Lindsey represented the Alabama Baptist.

Correspondence returned as follows:

Canaan Association—R. B. Devine, R. W. Inzer, J. S. E. Robinson, Paul Castleberry.

Coosa River Association—Paul Castleberry.

Etowah Association—N. A. Hood, R. W. Inzer, P. S. Montgomery, J. A. Glenn, J. H. Thompson.

Baptist State Convention—J. H. Glenn, C. J. Pike, R. W. Inzer, N. A. Hood, J. S. E. Robinson, R. B. Devine, P. S. Montgomery, J. M. Adkins, W. P. Lovell.

Southern Baptist Convention—R. W. Inzer; Paul Castleberry and J. A. Glenn alternates.

On motion of J. A. Glenn, I. R. W. Lewis, E. Patterson and J. M. Newton, with the deacons of Rock Springs church, were made a committee on devotions.

Eld. P. S. Montgomery was added to the committee on State missions to report at this session.

Geo. W. Lovell, J. W. Moore and Wm. Clements were appointed a committee on documents, to report at present session.

A motion prevailed to request the chairman of the committee

on Sabbath-schools to be ready and make the report at 9:30 Sabbath morning.

On motion, E. J. Faulkner, A. A. Hodges and J. A. Thompson were appointed a committee on finance.

Eld. W. B. Crumpton delivered a very impressive address on the subject of missions.

Report of committee on Devotions was read by the chairman as follows:

Union Springs, to-night, 7 p. m., J. S. E. Robinson; Bethel, to-night, 7 p. m., Geo. W. Lovell and S. P. Lindsey; Rock Springs, to-night, 7 p. m., A. J. Waldrop; Cedar Grove, to-night, 7 p. m., W. R. Edwards.

After prayer by W. B. Crumpton, the Association adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY, September 14, 1890.

9:30 a. m. After singing and prayer by Eld. A. J. Waldrop, the report on Sabbath-schools was read by N. A. Hood.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee make the following report: Of the 32 churches represented at this session of the Association, only 13 report Sabbath-schools, and three of the 13 for only a part of the time, leaving 19 of the churches reporting no Sabbath-schools. This is by no means gratifying or encouraging. We estimate that the membership of the churches composing the Association is about 2,250, and that not more than one out of every ten of the 2,250 Baptists and their children attend Baptist Sabbath-schools. Some of the children of Baptist parents, however, attend Sabbath-schools of other denominations.

As Baptists, can we afford to neglect our children and turn them over to other denominations for religious training? Other denominations are by no means entrusting their children to us. We admit that the way of life is "Christ and Him crucified;" but in teaching Christ, is it not of vast importance to teach the necessity to observe the "all things" commanded in the Bible?

Sabbath-schools are strictly auxiliary-helps. They take the place of nothing, nor can anything take their place. They can not take the place of the family or pulpit; nor can the family or pulpit take their place. Sabbath-schools are helps to parents in training their children. They also aid the pastor in preaching the gospel by educating his hearers and thus preparing them to receive His message.

Viewing the importance of Sabbath-schools as we do, and failing to see why every Baptist church should not have a well regulated Sabbath-school, we recommend that the pastors of the churches, during the month of October, preach a sermon upon the training of children; that efforts be made to organize Sabbath-schools in all the churches, and that they be Baptist Sabbath-schools, fostered by the churches.

We, also, recommend that Kind Words literature be used.

We further recommend that full reports on the subject be made to the chairman of the committee on Sabbath-schools before the opening of the next session of this body.

N. A. Hood, Chairman.

The discussion was opened with a stirring speech by W. B. Crumpton, followed by C. J. Pike, J. A. Glenn, P. S. Montgomery and others. Report adopted.

The congregation assembled at the stand in the grove at 11 a. m., and W. B. Crumpton preached an instructive and a very impressive sermon on the subject of missions: Text, Gen. 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" After which a collection was taken up for missions amounting to \$23.46.

Eld. J. A. Glenn occupied the stand at 3 p.-m., and delivered an impressive sermon from Rom. 8:9.

The committee on Devotions made the following report for preaching to-night: Rock Springs church, N. A. Hood; Bethel church, J. S. E. Robinson; Moody (Methodist church), Paul Castleberry; Cedar Grove church, H. C. McBryer. The appointment at Moody was filled by brethren Glenn and Devine.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, September 15, 1890.

8 a. m. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional services were led by P. S. Montgomery. Prayer by Eld. G. D. Staton.

Eld. Staton was received as correspondent from Canaan Association.

On motion of J. A. Glenn, J. R. Neely, J. B. Ingram and F. M. Polk were appointed a committee on nominations.

On motion, all the reports on missions were made a special order for 10 o'clock.

R. B. Devine read the report on State of Religion and its Wants. This was discussed at length by R. B. Devine, J. A. Glenn, C. J. Pike, J. M. Adkins, S. P. Lindsey, P. S. Montgomery and J. S. E. Robinson. The report was adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION AND ITS WANTS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: We shall proceed on the presumption that the state of religion makes known its wants, and discuss it in that light.

The state of religion is not what it should be, either in our homes or in our public services. Few of us hold family prayer in our homes. We excuse ourselves by saying that we do not have time to gather our families around the hearthstone and devote a few minutes to God's service. We do not seem to remember that our time as well as our souls and bodies belong to the Lord. The family altar has almost become a thing of the past, and the children of many Christian families are left without religious influence at home. For this gross neglect God will hold us responsible. He will take from us that part of our happiness and the glory which the performance of this duty would bring to our lives here and our souls in the great day of judgment.

We do not commune with one another about heaven and heavenly things as we should. In pushing for gain, we often spend the holy Sabbath day talking about our business affairs, forgetting the sacredness of the day, the

rest for which it was made and the solemn service we are due our Creator. In this way we become a stumbling-block to sinners and blind leaders of the blind.

There is not that state of brotherly feeling between Christians that should exist to make them truly blest. Some of them go to law with one another, which is against God's Word. They will not go to each other when they have a grievance, but often go to a bitter enemy of the offender to make their complaint. In this way spring up contentions, strifes, slanderings and backbitings. In our more wealthy churches, pride and formality, like the moth, is eating out the vitality and blighting the true worship of the sanctuary. On the other hand, our poorer churches put up a plea of poverty and are unwilling to give or do scarcely anything for the Master's cause. These things we must hastily remedy, if we desire God's grace poured out upon us more abundantly.

Some wise writer has said that "a church and its membership is rated by its ministry." If this be so, we can not wonder that the right state of things does not exist among the laity and in our churches at large. The ministry, like all other callings, has resolved itself into classes, which are naturally brought about by intellectual ability and educational advantages. Among all classes of ministers there seems to be more or less strife, so strong that it sometimes develops into prejudice. They thus draw a line between two great classes, namely: the progressive and the non-progressive. Over this line the two classes are continually waging war. In this conflict the state of religion is injured and its wants keenly felt.

Let those who can launch out into the deep and dredge for the hidden mysteries of God's Word. Let those who cannot explore the deep, stay near the shore and beat back the tides of sin that must come alike to all.

ROBT. B. DEVINE, Ch'n.

A letter from Hebron church was read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Ten o'clock having arrived, the special order of missions was taken up. J. A. Glenn read a report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The foreign mission field is so vast and important that your committee feels wholly incompetent for the task of appropriately presenting its claims and demands for the consideration of this body. While much has been done, much yet remains to be done before our duty to the world in the spread of the gospel will be accomplished. We have reasons to be encouraged when we look at Mexico, Japan, Brazil, Africa, China and Italy. From all of these fields the reports are encouraging. The reports show that the workers are not idle in the vineyard of the Lord. They report \$4,680.87 as the contribution raised on the field. Compare this amount with what we are doing for the Master, remembering that their numerical strength is about equal to that of our Association, possessing the advantage of Christian civilization, free from the shackles of papal or pagan influences. Those children of God in heathen lands are so deeply imbued with the spirit of the Master that they outstrip us so far in contributing to the support and spread of the gospel.

May their good works provoke us to greater effort. May we not be satisfied until we have done our whole duty in regard to foreign missions.

Therefore, we recommend that we try to raise the amount asked for by the State Board for foreign missions from our Association.

J. A. GLENN, Ch'n.

J. S. E. Robinson read a report on Home Missions:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report: We would endeavor to define the subject of Home Missions. What are we to understand by the term? It is to preach the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the

waste places in our Southern Zion, in obedience to the command of our risen Lord. It is the true spirit of the disciples of Jesus to proclaim the gospel of salvation to the lost at home and abroad. It is an earnest effort put forth by the children of God to evangelize and Christianize the nations of the earth, to develop Christian characters, and to exalt the nations to the service of the true and living God. It is the going forth of God's ambassadors, preaching the gospel of Jesus and praying men to be reconciled to God, holding forth the word of life, and publishing peace to the lost and sorrowing sinners of a fallen race. It is the united and concentrated action of the disciples of Jesus to extend the kingdom of the Great Redeemer on earth to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brethren of the Cahaba Valley Association, if our love and aspirations for lost souls stop short of this scope, we have mistaken our mission on earth and have failed to realize the magnitude of the obligation imposed upon us by our Lord Jesus Christ when he said, "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature," etc. This commission was not given to angels, but direct to his own disciples. The scope of the work was defined, their obligations made known, their life work specified—preach the gospel of Jesus to every creature. The promise, "Lo I am with you," is guaranteed to their successors. They were united in aspirations and love for souls. Their purpose was one; their aims were one; their actions were concentrated, and all tended to the accomplishment of one great purpose—to obey and carry out the commission and command of their blessed Lord and Redeemer.

Brethren, our success depends upon our being united in the work and thorough organization. Our purpose, aims and actions must be one. "How can they walk together except they be agreed?" With unity and oneness of purpose, aims and concentrated action on the part of God's children, what wonderful success would attend their labors! Innumerable would be the blessings resulting from their labors of love. Every mission station would be strengthened and supported, other fields would open up and be occupied, and the work would move grandly and gloriously on, and, by the blessings of God, ere long the promise would be fulfilled, when "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord should cover the earth as the waters cover the sea," and when the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ. So mote it be. Amen.

We conclude this report by referring the churches comprising this Association to the reports as published by the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

J. S. E. ROBINSON, Ch'n.

P. S. Montgomery reported on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board was created to supply the destitute places in our State with the preaching of the gospel, and other things necessary to the building up of the Redeemer's kingdom. Much has been done through its agency. Bro. W. B. Crumpton, our faithful secretary, has done a good work all through the State. For sixteen months, closing September 30, 1889, the receipts of the board were \$11,970.70; missionaries employed for the same time, 53; sermons delivered, 3,587; churches constituted, 14; baptized, 345; received by letter, 547; Sunday-schools organized, 54; money collected for meeting houses, \$11,677.

Our State is rapidly being filled with people from abroad, by far the greater portion of whom have but little regard for religion or morality. They are bringing all kinds of isms. Something must be done to counteract these influences, or our institutions and people must suffer the evil consequences. The board is dependent upon the churches for support, and we would therefore recommend that the amount apportioned to our Association be raised by the churches.

P. S. MONTGOMERY, Ch'n.

The reports of J. W. Inzer, chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee on Missions, and N. A. Hood, missionary for the Association, were read:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

About the first of November, 1889, we employed the services, as missionary within our bounds, of Bro. N. A. Hood, contracting for one-half of his time. One Sabbath in each month was to be devoted by him in filling appointments made by us at Broken Arrow and Ragland; the remaining portion of his time so contracted for was to be put in at such stations, and in such other portions of our territory as we might think best. We agreed that the Association should pay him for his services, two hundred dollars. He lost a portion of his time by reason of bad health, as shown by his report.

The report of Brother Hood will show the work done, services rendered and amounts of money received by him while in the field of labor.

We know Bro. Hood rendered efficient services, and we feel that much good has been accomplished. We recommend that the services of a missionary be kept at all times within our jurisdiction, and we know of no better man for the place than Bro. Hood.

Your committee has received and paid out the following amounts in connection with said work, to-wit:

1890.		Dr.	
Feb. 10.	To cash received of A. A. Hodges, he having received same of Mark Bowling, the same having been paid by the following named persons, viz:		
	Redden Hodges.....	\$ 5	00
	LaFayette Bowlin.....	50	
	Mark Bowlin.....	25	
	A. A. Hodges.....	50	— \$ 6 25
Mar. 9.	To cash from J. M. Allman, who received same from the following named persons, to-wit:		
	Isodora Goode.....	25	
	Mary Bartlow.....	25	
	Lorenzo Galbreth.....	25	
	Harriette Galbreth.....	25	
	Thomas Hodges.....	25	
	Laura Allman.....	25	
	F. M. Allman.....	25	— 1 75
Mar. 29.	To cash from Bethel church, received from J. S. E. Robinson..	3	50
Apr. 21.	To cash from Gum Springs church, by Bro. Benson McBrayer..	4	85
June 13.	To cash of J. A. Glenn, who received same from Rev. G. D. Station on amount of-Reeves' Grove church.....	3	42
July 3.	To cash of J. W. Inzer for Ashville church.....	5	00
"	To cash of Mrs. J. R. Neely.....	5	00
Aug. 7.	To cash of Ashville church, received of A. A. Hodges.....	8	25
	J. R. Neely.....	4	50
	J. H. Goode.....	2	50
	J. M. Allman.....	3	50
	L. M. Cox.....	1	00
	J. A. Glenn.....	1	00
	G. W. Hodges.....	3	00
	J. A. Embry.....	2	50
	J. W. Inzer.....	10	00
	To cash of Ashville church.....	25	
Total.....			\$61 77

1890.		CR.	
Feb. 19.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	\$ 6	25
Mar. 31.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	5	25
Apr. 21.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	4	85
June 16.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	3	42
July 3.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	5	00
Aug. 16.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	36	75
" 18.	By cash paid N. A. Hood.....	25	— \$61 77

JOHN W. INZER, Ch'n.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

I submit to you the following report as Missionary employed by your committee to work in the bounds of the Association. In obedience to your instructions, I visited Ragland and Broken Arrow Nov. 1st, 1889, arranged appointments and places of worship, and have held regular preaching services at said places to the present time. In February of this year we organized a church at Broken Arrow, which has been supplied by me since its organization. It is in a flourishing condition.

No church has been organized at Ragland as yet, for want of a suitable house. We secured a room, however, and organized a Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting. The most of our preaching services have been held at the Methodist house of worship, which was kindly tendered to us by the Methodist brethren.

During the ten months that I have labored I have preached 65 sermons; days in service, 87; miles traveled, 787; visits to families, about 80. Besides I have distributed several thousand pages of tracts, and have also visited 13 churches of the Association. I had intended to have visited more of the churches, but was prevented by sickness. It is my purpose to continue the work until the first of November next, thereby doing a full year's work.

I have received up to the present the following amounts from the sources named:—State Mission Board, \$50 00; Executive Committee of Association; \$61.77; collected on the field, \$23 82; total, \$135.59.

I have arrangements made to hold protracted meetings, both at Broken Arrow and Ragland, during this month and October.

N. A. HOOD, Missionary.

To Rev. J. W. INZER, Ch'n Ex. Com.

All the above reports were discussed at length by P. S. Montgomery, Paul Castleberry, J. A. Glenn, C. J. Pike, S. P. Lindsey, G. D. Staton, J. S. E. Robinson and N. A. Hood, and adopted.

Upon the adoption of the reports on Missions, the following resolutions were offered by J. A. Glenn, and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we accept the \$400.00 apportioned to the Association by the State Mission Board, and that we will use our best endeavors to raise said amount.

2. *Resolved*, That J. S. E. Robinson, C. J. Pike, I. R. W. Lewis, J. M. Adkins and J. W. Moore be appointed a committee to prorate or apportion to the churches their pro rata part of said amount.

3. *Resolved*, That the pastors and churches be and are hereby requested to make earnest efforts to raise the amounts asked of them.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. On motion, it was ordered that the \$23.26, collected on Sunday, be turned over to State Mission Board.

On motion, J. W. Inzer, J. P. Dill, J. A. Lowery, J. M. Adkins and C. C. Harless were continued as the Executive Committee of the Association.

The committee on Nominations made the following

REPORT:

Place of holding next session—New Hope church, Eden.

Time—Saturday before first Sabbath in September, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. To preach the Introductory Sermon—J. A. Glenn; N. A. Hood, alternate. Missionary Sermon on Sunday—J. S. E. Robinson; alternate, C. J. Pike.

The report on Education was read by J. C. Harris and adopted:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

What is an education? Were we to answer this question in the fewest words, we might say it is to give to a man the full possession and benefit of all that is in him, physical, moral and intellectual, each developed to the highest possible point of efficiency. Every man has a right to himself; and our estimates of each other are based upon the capacities which we can bring to every calling in life. And as all that is really noble and dignified in man is found in his rational and immortal nature, it follows that the best condition of that nature, developed to the last degree, is the highest benefit we can confer, and the grandest heritage we can receive. But to develop the intellect and abandon the heart, is to arm the greatest force we can wield against the most sacred and enduring interests of society. The heart must undergo the like training with the head, so as to supply these resisting forces that unsanctified learning always supplies. Christianity alone can supply this moral culture in adequate measure. The greatest danger that now threatens this country is the divorce of religion from our educational institutions. This is seen in all those attempts to expel the Bible from our city schools—the very Book which more than all other agencies has made our civilization what it is to-day. It is as if the child should turn upon and attempt to throttle its own mother. How long will our free institutions last, which have been planted, nourished and brought to their present maturity by Christian agencies when they are all withdrawn?

This, this is our plea for Christian schools, colleges and universities, male and female, in our country. They are founded in the deepest convictions of patriotism, to say nothing of religion. Our pulpits and our denominational schools constitute the conservative power alike of our literature and civil jurisprudence. Though silent and unostentatious, like some of the mightiest forces of nature, they are doing more to arrest the progress of crime than the combined agencies of our civil and criminal laws. We talk about developing our resources, and about our glorious future. This is all well enough, but the greatest of all our resources, and the crowning glory of the future of Alabama is not so much in the iron of a thousand hills, and timber of a million acres, but in the brains and hearts of our children.

J. C. HARRIS, Ch'n.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by J. W. Inzer, discussed by G. D. Staton, Geo. W. Lovell, R. B. Devine, J. C. Harris and J. W. Lawley, and adopted:

To the Cahaba Valley Baptist Association:

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

1889.		DR.	
Dec. 8.	To cash received of Ashville Baptist church by public collection,		\$11 85
27.	To cash of Eden church, received by the hand of Rev. J. A. Glenn,		3 85
	Total,		\$15 70
1889.		CR.	
Dec. 11.	By money order sent Bro. G. W. Ellis on Montgomery Post-office,		\$11 70
	By cash for money order,		10
27.	By money order as above sent Bro. G. W. Ellis,		3 85
	By cash paid for same,		05
	Total,		\$15 70

JOHN W. INZER, Ch'n.

The committee on Documents made a report, which was adopted.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We recommend the Alabama Baptist, our State organ, as a sound religious paper for our denomination. For Sabbath-schools, we recommend Kind Words. We would urge it upon our denomination to use this literature.

H. C. McBRAYER, Ch'n.

Bro. S. P. Lindsey made a speech in the interest of the Alabama Baptist.

On motion, a letter of dismissal was granted to New Prospect church, Shelby county.

The committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee, submit the following report:

State Missions.....	Cash, \$ 90 30
Home Missions.....	Cash, 9 60
Foreign Missions.....	Cash, 35
Ministerial Education.....	Cash, 3 00
Minutes.....	Cash, 47 55
Total.....	\$ 150 80

On actual count we find the money short \$6.35, which we cannot account for

E. J. FAULKNER, Ch'n.

NOTE.—The mistake is found in the report of Greensport church, which reported to the Finance committee \$6.25 for missions, which was never paid to the Finance committee but to the missionary, and accounted for in his report.

CLERK.

A collection was made to assist Bro. Edwards while he is in school, as follows :

J. S. E. Robinson, five bushels of corn.
 J. A. Glenn, five bushels of corn.
 G. D. Staton, five bushels of corn.
 J. M. Newton, five bushels of corn.
 J. W. Moore, paid \$1.00.
 J. M. Adkins, paid \$1.00.
 G. W. Lovell, \$1.00.
 Pine Forrest church, \$10.00.
 P. S. Montgomery, five bushels of corn.
 J. W. Lawley, \$1.00.
 R. W. Cook, paid 50 cents.
 Cash 25 cents.
 Ashville church, \$10.00.
 S. P. Lindsey, paid 50 cents.
 Jas. Edge, paid 50 cents.
 J. M. Higginbotham, paid 50 cents.
 Reeves' Grove church, \$10.00.
 Coal Springs church, \$3.00.
 Cook Springs church, \$3.00.
 Butternut, \$2.50
 New Hope (Eden) church, \$5.00.
 Sulphur Springs church, five bushels of corn.
 W. E. Elkins, two and one-half bushels of corn.
 Rock Springs church, \$4.00.
 Cash paid, 50 cents.

PRORATING COMMITTEE.

Amounts requested of the churches for the various enterprises to be raised for the ensuing year:

Ashville.....	\$ 80 00	Benlah.....	\$ 15 00
Bethel.....	5 00	Bethany.....	5 00
Coal Springs.....	15 00	Cook Springs.....	12 00
Cedar Grove.....	15 00	Eden (Jefferson).....	5 00
Friendship.....	10 00	Gum Springs.....	30 00
Greensport.....	5 00	Hopewell.....	25 00
Harmony.....	5 00	Macedonia.....	3 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	15 00
New Hope (Eden).....	40 00	New Hope (Jefferson).....	10 00
New Prospect.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Pine Forest.....	5 00	Rock Springs (Moody).....	15 00
Rock Springs (Ragland).....	5 00	Refuge.....	2 00
Reeves' Grove.....	10 00	Sulphur Springs.....	10 00
Union Springs.....	10 00	Hebron.....	10 00
New Prospect (Coal City).....	10 00	New Lebanon.....	8 00
Shiloh.....	2 00	Broken Arrow.....	10 00
Total.....		\$427 00	

J. S. E. ROBINSON, Ch'n.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Clerk receive \$10.00 for his services, and the remainder of the minute fund be expended for minutes, and that they be distributed among the churches in proportion to amounts paid in.

It was ordered that the Executive Committee pay to any worthy indigent minister the funds which have been or may be collected for the relief of such ministers.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Rock Springs church and community, for their kind hospitality.

The business of the Association being concluded, the old hymn, "How firm a foundation," was sung, and the parting hand was given. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. D. Staton.

The Association adjourned to meet with New Hope church, Eden, Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1891, at 10 A. M.

PAUL CASTLEBERRY, Moderator.

N. A. HOOD, Clerk:

NOTE.—Printed and actually mailed to the churches, 730 copies; to Clerk, 20 copies.

Executive Committee—J. W. Inzer, J. P. Dill, J. A. Lowery, J. M. Adkins, C. C. Harless.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—W. P. Lovell, W. J. Manning, T. G. Watson.

Home Missions—N. A. Hood, H. C. McBrayer, J. L. Faulkner.

State Missions—R. B. Devine, C. J. Pike, S. J. Hare.

Education—J. A. Glenn, R. W. Inzer, Geo. W. Daughdrill.

Sabbath Schools—J. S. E. Robinson, A. A. Hodges, C. D. Alverson.

Temperance—H. C. McBrayer, R. B. Devine, P. E. Wyatt.

State of Religion and Wants—P. S. Montgomery, J. C. Harris, J. W. Lawley.

Documents—J. C. Harris, C. J. Pike, J. M. Garrett.

NOTE.—The first named on the committees are the chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. A. Glenn, J. S. E. Robinson, S. J. Hare, R. H. Ramsey, Ashville; P. S. Montgomery, Birmingham; N. A. Hood, A. P. Cobb, Hood, Ala.; R. B. Devine, East Lake; J. C. Harris, Branchville; M. T. Stone, J. C. Bice, Beaver Valley; R. W. Inzer, Trussville; Paul Castleberry, C. J. Pike, R. C. Chany, Easonville; Geo. W. Lovell, W. P. Lovell, Springville; W. C. McLaughlin, Moody; Sol. Acker, Fairview; J. O. Laton, J. A. Owen, Ragland.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

H. C. McBrayer, J. E. Stevenson, W. A. Strain, S. Chapman, Ashville; A. R. Wyatt, Ragland; Robt. Bolin, Cottage Hill.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known by the name of THE CAHABA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. It shall be composed of delegates from the different churches in connection with this body.

3. Petitionary churches may be admitted into this body at any regular session, if, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, and their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

4. Any church may withdraw from this body at her own discretion, on application for dismission.

5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be considered only an advisory council relative to their internal affairs. It, however, may become necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of proceedings, viz: If one church commits offense against another it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success she shall call in the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in laboring for satisfaction; if satisfaction cannot be thus obtained, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to bring the case before the Association, to be decided upon according to its merits. And if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, she cannot reconcile, she may call in the aid of two or more churches to assist her in the work; then if the difficulty be not removed it may be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association; but the Association will take cognizance of no case unless due course of procedure has been previously pursued.

6. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, and state of the church since the last session.

7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: A church containing fifty or less members shall be entitled to three representatives and one additional representative for every twenty-five members over fifty. Any church failing to represent herself as above described shall state her reason for such failure at the next annual session.

8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular Rule of Decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend at her discretion.

9. At every annual session of the Association a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot by and from among the members present, and shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, preserve order and see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a proper record of all transactions of the body. It shall be the

duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Finance Committee and pay them out according to the order of the Association.

10. The Association shall have power to exclude from her union any church which shall violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel or knowingly suffer any of her members to do so.

11. The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session according to the funds sent up by each church.

12. Every query sent up by a particular church must be in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile such difficulty, and has failed. In such case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be enrolled upon the minutes.

13. Queries that immediately concern the general union of churches, sent up by a particular church or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided upon as soon as practicable.

14. There shall be an Association book provided, in which the Minutes of every annual session shall be recorded.

15. The Association shall not adjourn any annual session until she shall have finished all regular business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

16. Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, and if necessary, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.

17. In all cases a majority of the members present of the Association shall rule under the Constitution.

18. Giving or withholding charity from any benevolent object shall not be considered a breach of fellowship by this Association.

19. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session when two-thirds of the members present think it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time. It shall be his duty also to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body; and any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the day of the decision, but at no other time.

3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the transactions of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all monies belonging to the Association according to its directions.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, using the appellation of "brother" in all discussions.

6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming the brother, or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, except it be to obtain order for a particular purpose.

8. Any motion made and seconded shall come under consideration, except withdrawn by him who made it.

9. The Moderator, after allowing time for debate, shall take the voice of the Association on questions that have been brought before it; and, if need be, by a rising vote.

10. When any question has been brought before the body, it must first be disposed of before any other question can be taken up.

11. No member shall depart during the service of the Association without leave.

12. The roll may be called as often as may be expedient.

13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that may cause interruption, or dishonor the Association.

14. The Moderator shall be allowed the privilege of debate, provided he appoint some other member to fill his seat while speaking; but shall not vote

unless the Association be equally divided, and then he shall give the casting vote.

15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, unless to explain, without first obtaining leave from the Association.

16. Any member violating these rules shall be called to order by the Moderator, or removed at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA VALLEY ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Howard College (Ministerial Education.)	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Un-designated.	Howard College (Building.)	S. S. Expenses.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Ashville.....	\$ 3 00	.....	\$ 50 00	\$11 80	3 00	\$10 00	\$ 3 00	\$10 00	\$4 80	\$ 2 00	.....	\$ .....
Broken Arrow.....	16 45	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem.....	9 15	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	75	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700
Cool Springs.....	10 00	2 00	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cook Springs.....	1 35	35	1 25	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Grove.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 60	1 75	250
Eden.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eden.....	2 90	.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship (St. Clair).....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship (Shelby).....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gum Spring.....	8 20	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensport.....	5 25	1 00	1 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell.....	1 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....
Harmon.....	1 00	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00	.....	6 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope (St. Clair).....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope (Jefferson).....	13 70	.....	3 20	.....	.....	10 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....
New Port.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect (Jefferson).....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect (St. Clair).....	3 00	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Lebanon.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00	.....	350
Pleasant Grove.....	6 60	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Forest.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove (Shelby).....	5 00	.....	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Springs.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reeves Grove.....	5 70	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs.....	2 20	.....	1 55	.....	.....	4 00	.....	17 45	.....	.....
Union Springs.....	1 75	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Springs.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....
Total.....	\$10 10	.35	\$150 65	\$16 25	\$47 55	\$10 00	\$3 00	\$24 50	.....	\$529 05	.....	\$1200

Name of Moderator, Paul Castleberry; postoffice, Easonville; name of Clerk, N. A. Hood; postoffice, Hood. Session of 1890 held with Rock Springs church, St. Clair county, September 13, 1890.

STATISTICS OF CAHABA VALLEY ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Ordained Ministers	Membership Last Reported.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Present Membership	S. S. Officers & Teachers	S. S. Pupils	Preliminary Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meetings	Reports Revival.
Ashville	St. Clair	J. A. Glenn	A. A. Hodges	Ashville	0	131	9	1	1	1		2	189	3	35	2		Yes
Broken Arrow	St. Clair	N. A. Hood	J. W. Moore	Coal City	1	61	2	5				1	18	3	30	1		No
Bethel	Shelby	J. G. Harris	T. C. Taylor	Taylorburg	1	61	2	5				1	62	8	36	4		Yes
Bethany	St. Clair	R. W. Inzer	H. W. McFarley	Sterritt	1	30	1	3				1	25			4		No
Cook Springs	St. Clair	J. E. Stevenson	H. R. Reeves	Cottage Hill	1	44	9	2	1	1		1	44			1		No
Cool Springs	St. Clair	R. B. Devine	W. H. Murry	Cook Springs	1	109	9	2	1	1		1	115			1		No
Cedar Grove	St. Clair	G. W. Lovell	W. A. Bell	Ashville	1	58	6	12	1	1		1	57			3		Yes
Elton	Jefferson	M. T. Branham	W. M. McCombs	Trussville	2	98	6	10	1	1		1	98			4		No
Friendship	St. Clair	J. S. E. Robinson	J. I. Glidewell	Branchville	2	110	28	9	1	1		1	142			4		Yes
Friendship	Shelby	W. I. Brasher	W. N. Howard	Wadwell	1	171	15	21	2	2		1	189			4		Yes
Greenport	St. Clair	G. W. Lovell	G. W. Caskey	Ashville	1	51	1	1	1	1		1	51			1		No
Hopewell	St. Clair	N. A. Hood	A. C. O'Donnell	Ragland	2	67	1	1	1	1		1	68			3		Yes
Hebron	Jefferson	F. M. McDonal	L. C. Vaughan	Hood	1	67	6	1	1	1		1	71			1		No
Harmony	St. Clair	J. W. Lawley	P. S. Abercromby	Leets	2	111	8	4	1	1		1	115			2		No
Mt. Pisgah	St. Clair	P. Castleberry	T. C. Watson	Taylorburg	2	53	3	2	1	1		1	50			2		No
Mt. Pleasant	St. Clair	R. W. Inzer	J. C. Churchwell	Wolf Creek	1	170	13	12	1	1		1	173		45	1		Yes
New Hope	St. Clair	J. A. Glenn	J. R. W. Lewis	Idea	1	42	15	1	1	1		1	37			1		No
New Hope	Jefferson	W. C. McLaughlin	M. S. Glass	Ironadale	1	56	1	1	1	1		1	56			1		Yes
New Prospect	St. Clair	J. C. Lyon	W. C. Carden	Ragland	1	32	9	4	1	1		1	30			2		No
New Prospect	St. Clair	W. F. McCain	E. M. Chapman	Fairview	1	72	8	2	1	1		1	64			4		No
New Lebanon	St. Clair	W. C. McLaughlin	J. H. Alison	Springville	1	26	1	1	1	1		1	26			2		Yes
Providence	St. Clair	W. F. McCain	N. L. Davis	Ragland	1	46	6	2	1	1		1	47			3		Yes
Pine Forest	St. Clair	W. A. Hull	Joe Yarbrough	Riverside	2	95	3	6	8	4		3	80			4		No
Pleasant Grove	St. Clair	Geo. W. Lovell	G. P. McOrary	Pine Forest	1	69	8	4	2	1		1	76		26	3		Yes
Pleasant Grove	Shelby	W. I. Brasher	E. F. Lovell	Moody	1	58	2	1	1	1		1	54		55	1		No
Rock Springs	St. Clair	G. D. Staton	J. M. Adkins	Naudever	1	35	1	1	1	1		1	45			1		Yes
Reeves' Grove	St. Clair	J. C. Harris	J. C. Montgomery	Whitney	1	67	3	4	1	1		1	67			1		No
Sulphur Springs	Jefferson	W. P. Lovell	J. W. Allen	Trussville	1	58	2	1	1	1		1	58			1		Yes
Union Springs	St. Clair	T. D. Courson	T. D. Courson	Branchville	1	35	1	1	1	1		1	45			1		No
Whitcomb	St. Clair	A. P. Cobb			1	35	1	1	1	1		1	45			1		No
Total					21	4199	130	112	17	19	144	28	2953	22	227			

*Not represented; gave last year's report.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.—J. W. Inzer, Ashville church, Ashville; G. W. Daughdrill, Broken Arrow church, Coal City; W. A. B. Faulkner, Bethel church, Sterritt; J. W. Ramsey, Cook Springs church, Ashville; W. R. Dunlap, New Hope church, Eden; W. R. Edwards, Reeves' Grove church, Caldwell; J. W. Inzer, Sulphur Springs church, Trussville.



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